AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) An arrangement in connection with a crosscutting saw of a harvester, a head of the harvester ~~head therein~~ comprising:

a saw casing and a chainsaw, arranged ~~therein~~ within the saw casing in a rotational manner, and a guide bar and a chain wheel,

the saw casing comprising strips on a cutting plane substantially flush with a rotational plane of a chain of the chainsaw, the strips being arranged in the saw casing in such a manner that their longitudinal axis is substantially parallel to the rotational axis of the chain wheel while defining saw dust openings therebetween,

wherein the strips are arranged to overlap to provide a ~~lattice-like~~ protective lattice structure in the saw casing, the protective lattice structure extending at least over the rotational plane of the chain of the chainsaw~~, substantially each~~ such that movement ~~path tangent generated at a lower edge in the guide bar of the chain or at an outer track on the side of the saw casing in the chain wheel being~~ paths formed as tangential

extensions of the chain and being generated at each turning point of the guide bar are arranged to encounter a surface in the ~~strip~~ strips, ~~however, such that~~ the strips ~~are~~ being arranged to overlap in the saw casing ~~in such a manner~~ such that at least one gap deviating from said ~~tangential~~ movement ~~path~~ paths remains between the strips, ~~from which~~ so that sawdust or other impurities flowing to the saw casing during sawing are ~~allowed to be discharged~~ dischargeable from the saw casing.

13. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, wherein each of the ~~strip~~ strips is arranged substantially radially relative to the chain wheel.

14. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 13, wherein the strip is arched ~~or is bent onto an extension of a movement path tangent generated at a lower edge in the guide bar of the chain or at an outer track on the side of the saw casing in the chain wheel~~ so that a surface thereof is in a movement path extending toward the respective strip.

15. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, wherein the strips are arranged in the saw casing ~~as a cover-like structure that is~~ substantially ~~parallel to the rotational axis of the chain wheel, the strips being arranged substantially in the~~ in a radial direction of the chain wheel on at least two planes [[in]] such ~~a manner~~ that said at least one gap remains between the strips.

16. (previously presented) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, wherein the strips are fastened substantially rigidly to the saw casing.

17. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 16, wherein the strips are fastened to the saw casing in a manner not enabling disassembly~~, preferably by welding~~.

18. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 16, wherein the strips are fastened to the saw casing in a manner enabling disassembly with a mechanical fastening~~, preferably a screw fastening~~.

19. (currently amended) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, wherein the protective structure comprises strips arranged in a common frame structure ~~for generating an integral whole~~ to be fastened to the saw casing.

20. (previously presented) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, wherein the strips are made from the same material as the surrounding saw casing.

21. (previously presented) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, wherein the strips are made from a composite material.

22. (previously presented) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, wherein the strips are coated with an elastic coating.

23. (previously presented) An arrangement as claimed in claim 18, wherein the mechanical fastening is a screw fastening.

24. (new) An arrangement of a crosscutting saw of a harvester, a head of said harvester comprising:

a saw casing;

a chainsaw arranged within the saw casing in a rotational manner;

a guide bar for guiding a chain of the chain saw;

a chain wheel adjacent the guide bar around which the chain rotates; and

plural strips adjacent the saw casing each having a longitudinal axis that is substantially parallel to a rotational axis of the chain wheel,

wherein the strips overlap each other with a gap between each strip and extend at least over a rotational plane of the chain of the chainsaw, said gap enabling sawdust and other impurities flowing to the saw casing during sawing to be discharged from the saw casing in a direction other than a direction of rotation of the chain.